



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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August 12, 2009 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary
James Barger, Commissioner
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, Principal Deputy County
Counsel
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax
Collector

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Garen Khachian

Guests

Panudda L. Decker
Angel MaQueda
Oscar Gallardo, Sheriff's Department
Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department
Kristine Monarrez, Sheriff's Department

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: Minutes of July 29, 2009 - Approved.

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Application for Massage Parlor-General/SC Business License ID #135983

Panudda L. Decker
Lanna Thai SPA
18354 ½ Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91387 (Fifth District)

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collectors office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there were no objections to the issuance of the license.

Panudda L. Decker, applicant, stated that the business will provide therapeutic healing for body pains using traditional Thai massage. She is familiar with all the requirements for operating the massage parlor and there are no locks on the doors. All massage technicians have obtained all the required permits and licenses.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the above-mentioned license with all Sheriff Department Standard Conditions.

Motion: Commissioner Barger seconded by Secretary Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

Recommendation to Deny Public Eating, Coin Operated Game and Coin Operated Phonograph Business License ID # 135901

Angel & Marie MaQueda
El Rancho Alegre
5010 East Whittier Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90022 (First District)

Vice President Campbell joined the meeting.

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer and Tax Collectors office, reported that the Sheriff's Department is recommending that this application be denied. Scott Hennessy, Sheriff's Department, reported on a series of 14 service-calls to the business site within the past two years which include; violence, narcotics, prostitution and assault of a peace officer. Mr. Hennessy stated that throughout his investigation the issue of ownership and licensing remained unresolved; the Sheriff's Department has two documented violations for non-compliance of a business license. Additionally, the business was cited for Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) violations. The Sheriff Department shut down the business on June 5, 2009, for non-compliance of a Buiness License.

Angel MaQueda, applicant stated the business is currently closed. He was evicted by the landlord. He stated he has no intention of selling the bar and has not accepted money for the bar from anyone. He stated that it is his desire that the business be re-opened.

Mr. MaQueda withdrew his application for Public Eating, Coin Operated Game and Coin Operated Phonograph Business License ID # 135901, and these items were referred back to Treasurer and Tax Collector.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

President Afriat requested an update on the complaint regarding "La Cabana Restaurant" located at 2370 West Soledad Canyon Road, Acton, CA 93510. The Public Eating License expires on January 31, 2010. Notice of violation issued by Treasurer and Tax Collector on July 30, 2009.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA TO BE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on August 19, 2009, and the Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of August 26, 2009 and meetings of September 9, 2009, September 16, 2009 and September 23, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President